

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to an optical recording medium that can prevent illegal use of software, and also can simplify an updating process of the software. This optical recording medium for distributing the software is recordable, and stores a transmission program and a software update program. This optical recording medium is read by a computer so as to start the transmission program and the software update program. By doing so, the inherent ID information allocated only to the optical recording medium can be automatically transmitted to the software distributor. Based on an authentication judgment result of the inherent ID information, the software stored on the optical recording medium itself can be automatically rewritten and updated by update software transmitted from the software distributor. Thus, the software stored on the distributed optical recording medium can be automatically updated to the latest version.